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Here we are half way through May and into our second term. The Royal Wedding has been and gone the Nationals are over for another year. Next the World Cup and the NDTA.

Presidents Report

Well it is hard to believe we are already at the start of Term 2. Daylight saving has finished and the nights will be getting colder.

Please all try and get down to the grounds to help set up for your class, the sooner the equipment gets out, the more training you will have. If you are unable to make it to class please try and let your instructor know, it does make it easier when we know who will be attending on the night.

Our first show of the year has come and gone and it was a great success. A big thank you the show sub committee who put a lot of work in prior to the show and also all our club members (and their families) who helped out on the day.

We have had some great achievements in the competition ring from a number of our club members, great effort everyone.

Sandy.



"No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does."

- Christopher Morley

Committee

President- Sandy Rostron

Vice President- Michelle Hodges

Secretary- Ali Barnett

Treasurer- Laura Dick

Keri Neilson, Keri Wheaton, Vern McAuley, Stacy Hobson, Tiffany Brown, Tane Desmond, Debbie Tucker, Katrina Crowe.

Training Fees

Term dates for 2011

Term 1 3 Feb to 7 April

Term 2 28 April to 30 June

Term 3 21 July to 22 September

Term 4 13 October to 15 December

Term 2 Instructors

Foundation -: Katrina Crowe, Jane Mason

Basics-: Matt Potts, Heather Baybrook

Skills-: Joanne Small, Michelle Hodges, Sacha Vandoodeward

Development-: Keri Wheaton

Competition-: Sandy Rostron

As of July 21st (term 3) training fees will be \$40.00 per dog per term for the Basic's Skills, Development and Competition class's. Junior fees \$30.00 per term for 15 years and under at the beginning of the term. Foundation class \$60.00.

Only one dog per handler is to be trained in Foundation, Basic's and Skill's classes. Development class will be on a case by case situation.

There are still training and membership fees outstanding for term 2 and a couple still from term 1 please see Tiffany and get this sorted if you have not yet paid your fees.

If you cannot make training please let your instructor know not Tiffany. Your instructor should have given you their contact details.

Term 3 Instructors

Michelle is looking for instructors for term 3 and it's not too early for term 4 or even term 1 next year. We are always looking for new instructors, this is the only way the club can function it would be great if we had enough instructors so we all did one term each a year but unfortunately that is not the case and most of us do 2 and 3 and some even more.

Please think about giving your time and help putting back into the club by instructing. There are a few privileges for instructing like you don't pay training fees and a little cash to help with petrol costs. Please see Michelle if you would like to give it ago. You do not have to know everything about agility to instruct. You will be put where you feel comfortable and mentored by advanced instructors.

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

-Bern Williams

Top Bloke Award

On Friday 22nd April after the Counties
Obedience Show and just before the Northern
Region's AGM meeting at Ardmore a very special award
was awarded too John Muir.

Top Bloke Award

Presented in absolute appreciation
for the work and dedication that John has put into
obedience over the many years. John is a member of WAG a life member of
Hamilton Dog Obedience Club and also a life member
of the NZKC and really is a **Top Bloke**.



John Young telling a few stories from
over the year's.



An emotional John



Ray Murray
Presenting
the trophy



A Top Bloke



2011 National Dog Show

A small but enthusiastic contingent of WAG members headed down to Fielding from April 29th – May 1st for the National Dog Show. This show is held annually and includes competition breed showing, obedience and agility. This year the agility competition was held at the Feilding Dog Training Club grounds, away from the breed show and obedience. This was due to the ground conditions at the main grounds - Manfield Park - being unsuitable following a week of heavy rain.

Fortunately the conditions at Fielding DTC grounds were excellent and we saw some awesome agility over the course of the show. The weather was kind to us and the judges put down some fantastic courses.

Tane Desmond and Flick continued their excellent form by winning both of their Starters Midi classes. And despite not having competed much in 2011 Michelle Hodges and Baxter had some awesome runs over the weekend finishing 1st in both of the B Jumper Mini/Micro classes and 2nd in Saturday's Mini/Micro Intermediate.

Mel McClumpha and Billie continued their good jumpers record at the Nationals by finishing 4th in a hotly contested C Jumper Midi class. John and Raewyn Muir's Flya proved that she was well and truly back in form (after having puppies) by taking home 4th placing in Midi Senior and B Jumpers classes. Rain and I finished 2nd in Saturday's Senior Midi class which gave us our 30th challenge certificate.

The A jumpers was the only unsplit class of the weekend and with 33 dogs competing was the biggest A jumper class held since Jumpers were introduced in 2009. The standard of competition was very high and so I was stoked to finish 3rd with Rain in Saturday's class. Times were so tight that there was only 0.12 of a second between 2nd and 5th place.

WAG judge and life member, Alan McClumpha, was one of the agility judges for the show and designed some of the best flowing courses of the weekend. I thought his A jumpers course was one of the best I have ever run (even though I got disqualified in it!).

So all in all it was a great weekend for WAG (and we still managed to watch Will's and Kate's wedding on Friday night too!).

- Keri Neilson

A lot of club members have been doing really well at shows this year, old and new, really great to see and it's so good to see our newer member (the next generation) doing so well too.

To see show results please visit our website or the dogagility website both address's in the websites of interest.

Cat's motto: No matter what you've done wrong, always try to make it look like the dog did it."

Club Sponsor



Pet Expo

Pet expo this year is 16/17 of July. This is a great opportunity to advertise the club but does take a bit of organizing and we need as many helper's as we can, the stand needs to be manned all day for the 2 days a couple of hours each makes it easy work, and we would like to do some display's. Please let Joanne Small or Michelle Hodges know what you can do to help and when you would be able to help man the stand many hands make small work.

Snippets

Equipment can be hired from the club for \$5 a week
See Tane or Stacy.

Keri Neilson has been voted onto the NZ Agility Committee
Congratulation's Keri.

Raewyn Muir has made Flya up to an Obedience Champion at Napier on the 15th May.

Our Club Captain is Heather Baybrook she is there to help any of the newer members find their way to entering shows or joining the NZKC and to join Nala (National Agility Link Ass.) please see Heather for any help with these. She is instructing Basic's class this term but is available before and after class. Or you can email her at clubcaptain@waikatoagility.co.nz .

Website's of interest

waikatoagility.co.nz/

www.dogagility.org.nz/

www.petworkz.co.nz

<http://www.nala.org.nz/>

Permanent Number's

We are now moving into getting our own permanent number's for competition you can register at www.dogagility.org.nz/ too get your permanent Agility number. Click on Agility Register and follow the instructions.

Safety at Melville Park

- Do not leave valuables in vehicles
- Always lock your vehicle
- Keep your dog secure and safe at all times.

There has been break-in's to vehicles in the past. Parking on the grounds on club nights is restricted to committee and instructor's only, with a couple of exception's for disability's or invited guest's.

Please Note As the winter months are upon us the ground under the tree's is not firm and becomes very wet and muddy, therefore committee have decided that there will be no parking under the tree's, committee and instructors please park behind the clubrooms or in the car parks.
Thank you.

Please take note that when putting gear away please take care and be careful not to damage it particularly when putting the contact gear on the trailer please don't slide the rubber chipped gear lift it. If you are not sure where something goes please ask don't just put it where there is a gap because that gap could be for something else.



I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult."

-Rita Rudner